

## The Clubhouse

By Jim Hutcheson  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
Seattle—The shot in the arm needed by minor leagues, says one of the minors' most successful owners, is a dash of about one part "Brooklyn" along with nine parts baseball.



Emil Sick

The reference to the arm, of course, is of the variety that reaches out of the boxoffice to rake in the cash.

The suggestions of "Brooklyn-izing" the game—with apologies to the sensitive—refers to showmanship in general, not to the raucous chorus: "Trow de bum out!"

Emil Sick, whose regime brought a flair of showmanship to Seattle's Pacific Coast League park, assures that he would want nothing introduced which would cheapen the game or put it on a vaudeville level, but:

"The turnstile success of the Dodgers in recent years has proved that baseball needs something in addition to the game to provide entertainment for the fans who might not be interested in the technical phases of the game."

"Looking at the diamond picture with less technical eyes, I believe that baseball is primarily a show. We can use more special nights, more bands, more hoopla to add to the excitement. And, as far as I am concerned, Seattle will have that kind of baseball entertainment from now on."

Sick, a leading brewery operator and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, was looking through a pair of those "less technical eyes" when he bought the Seattle franchise in 1938. He didn't know much about the game.

Sick really doesn't have to look toward Brooklyn as a pay-off example for showmanship. He could point out to Sick's Stadium, the \$500,000 "house that Emil built."

The stadium is a neat layout for the minors, but it doesn't have any appeal to Dixie Walker, the Brooklyn outfielder.

When Dixie was in Seattle recently with a baseball troupe en route to Alaska to entertain the boys in khaki, Stan Musial suggested he'd like to take a peek at the ball park.

"Not for me, Brothah," drawled the guy from Georgia. "Ah'm not lookin' at the inside of these minah league ball pa'ks befo' Ah have to. They give me the willies. You get to see 'em too soon as it is."

Sick's team drew half a million customers through the stadium in 1940 for a Pacific Coast league record. Resumption of night play is expected to bring prosperity again this year.

In six years, Sick's Seattle teams have won three league titles and never finished below third.

For a season or two, the Rainiers were known as "showboats." Their lineup included such show-offs as JoJo White, now with the Philadelphia Athletics; Bill Schuster, now with the Chicago Cubs; and Dick Barrett, now with the Phillies. They were crowd pleasers.

Seattle believes it is the only ball town where they have group singing at the games. The stadium echoes to "take me out to the ball game" during the seventh inning stretch.

That's just a little addition to the color out at Sick's place, along with special nights for the manager, for Al Schacht comedy or for a favorite player. Eastern visitors often have praised these special nights.

Which leads Business Manager Bill Mulligan to remark: "Brooklyn better take a page from our book."

Dairy cattle were first brought to Canada in about 1608 when Champlain established a small herd in Quebec.

## SPORTS

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### California Abandons Judges; Thurston May Get Tacoma Job

San Francisco, Feb. 21 (AP)—Sports shorts: The state athletic commission's decision to discard the use of judges in all California prize fights, and rely solely upon the referee's judgment, should clarify the state ring situation.

Southern California had been using the New York judge system for virtually all matches, while the north had invoked it only for top bouts.

Promoter Joe Lynch's request for approval of a 15-round championship bout between Manuel Ortiz of El Centro, bantamweight title holder, and Phil Terranova of New Orleans, featherweight titleholder, for the featherweight championship, was tabled by the commission until its next meeting in Los Angeles, Lynch's home town.

Tacoma reports that Hollis (Sloppy) Thurston, 44-year-old former manager of the Tacoma Western International league ball club and one time major league pitcher, probably will be offered the management of Tacoma's Pacific Coast league team, provided Sacramento's franchise wings its way north.

Pacific Coast conference disapproval of the proposed California - Washington basketball championship playoff evidently was based on the supposition that the Bears should not take up valuable train space traveling to Seattle.

Graduate Manager Clint Evans of California had cleared his players with navy authorities before the unfavorable conference vote.

Coach Stub Allison of California will start his spring football practice some time in late April or May, two months beyond the usual time.

Year-round classes and sanction of summer practice makes the later dates possible.

Bruins Celebrate Defeat of Troy

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (AP)—The UCLA Bruins today celebrated their first basketball series victory over University of Southern California since 1932, after defeating the Trojans, 40-32, Saturday night to take three out of four games in the cross-town series.

The win gave UCLA second place in the Pacific coast conference southern division race, with three wins and three losses, while the Trojans ended in the cellar with one win and five losses.

Capt. Dick West of the Bruins scored 17 points to tie the individual scoring record set earlier this season by Wayne Hooper of California, and get a tie with Bob Howard of USC for division seasonal scoring honors at 48 points.

Baseball Magnates May OK Transfer

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (AP)—Directors of the Pacific Coast Baseball league will meet here today to approve or reject transfer of the Sacramento club franchise to Tacoma, Wash., interests which have purchased the club rights from the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce still hoped to find financial backers for a movement to retain the club in the capital city, but indications were that the Sacramento bid would fail, and that the directors would approve transfer of the club to Tacoma.

Mill City Loses To Stayton High

After winning two games the previous week, the Mill City Timberwolves were defeated Wednesday night on the local floor by the Stayton high school basketball squad by a score of 30-18.

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met Friday night in the fire hall. Vern Clark and Ed Chance were elected as committeemen for the Mill City Manufacturing company plant to serve alternately, replacing William Best, who is now employed elsewhere.

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Shirley Fry, 16-year-old Akron, Ohio, girl, holder of the national indoor girls' singles and doubles tennis championship.

Simmons Against Comeback Trials

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 21 (AP)—Al Simmons, speaking from experience, supported Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, in his belief that old-timers should not attempt comebacks in the major leagues—even in this war year.

Simmons, one of the greatest slugging outfielders the game has ever known when he was with the Philadelphia Athletics, said he had tried a comeback last season with the Boston Red Sox and couldn't make the grade.

"I was in the best condition I've been in for 10 years, too," Al said. "No man ever worked harder but I just didn't make it."

Simmons said the American people loved their baseball too much for the game to be called off this year despite the calibre of play that may be presented.

Three Way Tie For Cage Title

Aumsville—The Aumsville Rangers won their game from Turner by a score of 16 to 15. However it was anybody's game until the whistle blew. The teams seemed to be very evenly matched and Aumsville missed Lane who was injured last week in the Jefferson game.

The Aumsville girls team won their game also by a score of 36 to 27 in a fine game.

With the defeat of Stayton Friday night the B league champions have a three way tie which will be played off on a neutral floor. Aumsville, Jefferson and Stayton have 9 wins and 2 losses apiece. Gates is at the bottom of the league to date having lost all games.

Mexican Champion On Portland Card

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Gregorio Escalona, Oregon, Mex., featherweight champion of Mexico, will be rematched with Joey Dolan, Portland, in a 10-round bout March 3, says Promoter Joe Waterman. They drew here February 4.

### Davis And Pep Expected Take Over After Jack's Induction

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.  
New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—If there's any loose change left around the boxing world after Beau Jack goes into the army, "Boomy" Davis and Willie Pep likely will split it up. . . . The Beau likely

the navy, likely will find more good opposition.

Monday Matinee  
H. Hurricane Mitchell, who stirred up breezes comparable to his name at Illinois without staying around long enough to play football, is back on the campus after getting a medical discharge from the army. . . . John Tener, former National league president, who'll be honored at a dinner it Pittsburgh soon, had a couple of baseball debuts that old-timers still remember. In his first game for Baltimore he had three outfield chances and bobbled them all; and in his National league pitching debut in 1888 he took a 14-0 licking from Indianapolis.

Service Dept.  
Marcel Cerdan of France, who cleaned up in the army boxing championship at Algiers, is tabbed as middleweight champion of Europe by the International Boxing Union, although the British board recognizes him only as French champ. American mitt experts who have seen Marcel perform say he's as good a 160-pounder as there is in the world today. . . . Elbie Fletcher, ex-Pirate first baseman, probably won't remain at the Bainbridge naval training station long enough to play ball this spring. He and golfer Jimmy Demaret, who entered the physical instructors' school at the same time, likely will be sent to advanced bases.

Huskies Need 2 More Wins

(By the Associated Press)  
The University of Washington Huskies, undefeated in 10 northern division games, will open their final basketball series of the season in Seattle against the University of Idaho's third place Vandals tonight.

Washington, three games ahead of second place Oregon, needs victories both tonight and tomorrow night to clinch the title.

In the only conference action of the week-end, the Oregon Webfoots finished up a clean sweep of the Oregon State Beavers, winning their final game of the season at Corvallis Saturday night by a score of 42-39.

The victory, which gave Oregon a certain second place in the final standings, was tight all the way, with the Beavers holding a two-point, 21-19 advantage at the half. The lead had changed hands three times during the opening period.

In the second half, the taller Webfoots found their shooting eyes, while the Beavers lost theirs. In the first minute the Oregonians plunked through three baskets to jump into a 25-21 lead and the Beavers never recovered, although they managed to get within three points of a tie on several occasions.

Both Idaho and Washington were idle, insofar as conference play is concerned over the week-end, but Washington scored one of its major victories of the season in downing non-conference Gonzaga, 53-40.

The Huskies played one of their best games of the season to defeat the top-notch Gonzaga team after taking a trimming from the Zags in three previous starts.

The Washington State Cougars, who bowed to the Fort Lewis reception center team, 46-38, Saturday night at Pullman, will make its final road trip of the year this year, meeting Oregon at Eugene Tuesday and Wednesday and Oregon State at Corvallis Friday and Saturday. The games will close the season for the Oregon schools.

Dayton Defeats Sheridan, 31-19

Dayton—The Dayton Union high school boys basketball team won a 31 to 19 score league game from Sheridan here Friday evening.

The Dayton second team lost to Sheridan's second team, 16 to 10.

The Dayton grades team won from St. Paul grades team.

NOTE—From time to time, in this space, there will appear an article which we hope will be of interest to our fellow Americans. This is number three of a series.

### Troubles?—NO!

The list on our Honor Roll is growing. First a single plaque; then another section; tomorrow a third will take its place alongside. And the end is not yet. Well now—these are valuable men—these names inscribed on plaques. They helped build our business—we miss them terribly. . . . God speed you—guys! If you'll do as good a job for your bigger "Boss"—as you did for us—we'll be so proud of you! Troubles? We haven't made a drop of whiskey since October, 1942. The whiskey in the merchandise that we are now apportioning equitably, without favor, to our wholesalers and State Store purchasers, was made in peacetime. We don't know when we can replace this merchandise, because we don't know how long this war will last.

But we are not idle! We began making alcohol for our Government when conditions became critical, before Pearl Harbor. As promptly, as technically possible, we converted all of our whiskey manufacturing facilities to war production. Every grain distillery we possess is working, gratefully, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, making precious alcohol for war time needs. Troubles? Day and night . . . wholesalers and retailers are pleading with us for more merchandise. We can't blame them. Many of them have their life's savings invested in their business—and they want to stay in business. And we want to help our wholesaler distribute fairly to his retailers, the merchandise he buys from us. And we'd like to have every retailer supplied with as many of our products as he'd like to buy. Troubles?

What can we do about it? Far better to give a half loaf, or even a quarter loaf than none. Because if we and other distillers would immoderately dispose of all our stocks, all of us in the alcoholic beverage industry would be out of business, in a comparatively short time. And then when the war is over we'd have nothing of quality to sell; quality that we have been building for years; quality that gave us the courage to invest millions of dollars in advertising to the American consumer . . . the most discriminating in the world!

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Skating to Work (P)—A 5-inch snowfall which mantled Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11 and produced many traffic snarls caused these Hudson Motor Co. riveters to take to their skis. The girls, Marie Norwood (left) and Marie Dillon (right) approach the plant to go to work.